



SYNOPSIS

Senate Bills and Joint Resolutions 2016 Maryland General Assembly Session

**January 18, 2016
Schedule 4**

PLEASE NOTE: January 26 – Bill request deadline.
February 5 – Bill introduction deadline.
All bills should be given to the Secretary of the Senate's office by 5:00 P.M. on Monday, February 8.
As required by Senate Rule 32(b), bills introduced after this date will be referred to the Senate Rules Committee.

SENATE BILLS INTRODUCED January 18, 2016

SB 163 Senator Brochin, et al

BALTIMORE COUNTY – PUBLIC HIGH SCHOOLS – ADOPTION OF SCHOOL SCHEDULE

Authorizing a public high school in Baltimore County to adopt a school schedule for that school; requiring the principal of a public high school to convene a school schedule committee to study and recommend a school schedule; providing for the 20-member school schedule committee; providing for the duties of a school schedule committee; requiring the adoption of a school schedule by a vote of two thirds of all faculty members and two-thirds of the votes cast at the parent teacher association meeting; etc.

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

ED, § 7-103.2 - added

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

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SB 164 Senator Gladden**VEHICLE LAWS – MOTORCYCLES – RESTRICTIONS ON CHILD PASSENGERS**

Prohibiting a person under the age of 10 years from riding on a motorcycle; and prohibiting a person under the age of 12 years from riding on a motorcycle unless the person's feet reach and rest on the footrests on the motorcycle.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

TR, § 21-1302 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 165 Senator Gladden**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – BALTIMORE CITY – BEREAN CHILD CARE CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$160,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Trustees of the Berean Baptist Church of Baltimore City, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Berean Child Care Center, located in Baltimore City; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 166 Senator Conway**LAND USE ACTIONS – LEGISLATIVE BODIES – JUDICIAL REVIEW**

Authorizing a specified person, who has been aggrieved by a land use decision, who is a taxpayer, or is an officer or unit of a local jurisdiction, to file a request for judicial review by a circuit court of a land use action of a legislative body; specifying persons that have standing to bring and maintain a specified action in a circuit court to allow judicial review of a land use action of a legislative body; and applying a provision of law to a charter county and to Baltimore City.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LU, §§ 1-401, 4-406, and 10-103 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 167 Senator Simonaire**STATE GOVERNMENT – NOTARIES PUBLIC – ONLINE APPLICATION SYSTEM**

Authorizing an individual to apply for appointment and commission as a notary public and to renew an existing notary public commission through an online notary public application system; authorizing the Secretary of State to establish and operate an online notary public application system; requiring the Secretary to verify that specified information provided by an applicant is consistent with information on the individual's driver's license or identification card; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

SG, § 18-103 - amended and § 18-103.1 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 168 Senators Feldman and Rosapepe**REAL PROPERTY – INSTALLATION AND USE OF ELECTRIC VEHICLE RECHARGING EQUIPMENT**

Providing that specified governing documents of a condominium or homeowners association that prohibit or restrict electric vehicle recharging equipment are void and unenforceable; establishing requirements and procedures relating to an application to the governing body of a condominium or homeowners association to install or use electric vehicle recharging equipment; requiring landlords to approve a tenant's request to install electric vehicle recharging equipment under specified circumstances; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

RP, §§ 8-119, 8-120, 11-111.4, and 11B-111.7 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 169 Senator Kagan**ELECTION LAW – LOCAL VOTE-BY-MAIL SPECIAL ELECTIONS – START OF CANVASSING**

Authorizing a local board of elections, if a local special election is conducted by mail under a specified provision of law, to commence the canvass of vote-by-mail ballots at 2 p.m. on the day of the special election.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

EL, § 11-302(b) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 170 Senators Kagan and Hershey**VOTER REGISTRATION – AFFILIATION WITH POLITICAL PARTY
AND PARTICIPATION IN PRIMARY ELECTION, CAUCUS, OR
CONVENTION**

Requiring that voter registration applications used in the State to register to vote or to change specified information for a registered voter include a specified statement concerning registration with a political party and the voter's right to participate in primary elections, caucuses, or conventions for a political party; authorizing the continued use of specified voter registration applications after a specified date; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

EL, § 3-202 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 171 Senator Kelley, et al**GUARDIANSHIP OF A MINOR OR DISABLED PERSON – CRIMINAL
HISTORY RECORDS CHECK**

Requiring a court to apply to the Criminal Justice Information System Central Repository of the Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services for a State and national criminal history records check for a specified prospective guardian before appointing a guardian of the person of a minor or disabled person; requiring a court to submit specified materials and fees to the Central Repository as part of an application for a criminal history records check; providing specified exceptions to the criminal history records check; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

ET, § 11-114 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 172 Senators Miller and Waugh**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ST. MARY'S COUNTY – HISTORIC
ST. MARY'S CITY COMMISSION – DOVE PIER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt in the amount of \$300,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Executive Committee of the Historic St. Mary's City Commission for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Dove Pier, located in St. Mary's County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds; establishing a deadline for the encumbrance or expenditure of the loan proceeds; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 173 **Senator Feldman****LOCAL GOVERNMENT – CLEAN ENERGY LOAN PROGRAMS –
COMMERCIAL PROPERTY OWNERS – RENEWABLE ENERGY
PROJECTS**

Removing the limitation that renewable energy projects by commercial property owners financed through a clean energy loan program have an electric generating capacity of not more than 100 kilowatts.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

LG, § 1-1103 - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 174 **Senator Feldman****WORKERS' COMPENSATION COMMISSION – LOCATION OF
HEARINGS – CLAIMS FILED BY EMPLOYEES OF GOVERNMENTAL
AGENCIES**

Requiring the Workers' Compensation Commission, under specified circumstances, to conduct a hearing on a claim filed by an employee of a governmental agency be held at a regional hearing location convenient to all parties, a location covering the county where the employee resided when the specified medical condition occurred, or in Baltimore City; authorizing the Commission to conduct the hearing at an alternative hearing location if the covered employee demonstrates, through a detailed medical report, a specified medical necessity; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

LE, § 9-724(b) and (c) - amended

Assigned to: Finance

SB 175 Senator Astle**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGES –
DISPOSITION OF FEES**

Requiring the Anne Arundel County Board of License Commissioners to remit a specified administrative fee to the Office of the Comptroller instead of using the fee to cover specified expenses; requiring the Board to remit to the Office of the Comptroller, rather than to Anne Arundel County, all fees that the Board collects; and requiring the Office of the Comptroller, rather than the County, to approve and pay from specified receipts specified salaries and expenses and to remit the balance to the County for the general purposes of the County.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2016

Art. 2B, §§ 10-104(c)(1) and 10-204(c) - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 176 Senator Brochin, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – FIREARMS – LICENSE FEES**

Reducing the application fee from a maximum of \$50 to a maximum of \$20 for a specified handgun qualification license; and reducing the application fee for the renewal of a handgun qualification license from a maximum of \$20 to a maximum of \$10.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, § 5-117.1(g) and (j) - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 177 Senator Brochin, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – SECOND-DEGREE MURDER – PENALTY**

Increasing, from 30 years to 40 years, the maximum term of imprisonment that may be imposed for the offense of second-degree murder.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 2-204 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 178 Senator Lee, et al**CRIMINAL LAW – EXTORTION – IMMIGRATION STATUS**

Prohibiting a person from committing a specified act of extortion by wrongful use of actual or threatened notification of law enforcement officials about another person's undocumented or illegal immigration status.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

CR, § 3-701 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 179 Senator Kelley, et al**CIRCUIT COURT JUDGES – SELECTION, QUALIFICATIONS, AND TERM OF OFFICE**

Proposing an amendment to the Maryland Constitution to repeal provisions relating to election of circuit court judges; requiring the Governor, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, to appoint a qualified person to fill a vacancy in the office of a judge of the circuit court; altering the term of office of circuit court judges from 15 to 10 years; requiring the Governor to reappoint a circuit court judge, by and with the advice and consent of the Senate, upon the expiration of the judge's term; etc.

CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT – CONTINGENT

Maryland Constitution, Art. IV, §§ 2 and 3 - amended, §§ 5, 18B, and 21A - repealed, and §§ 5 and 5B - added and Art. XVIII, § 6 - added

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings

SB 180 Senator Reilly**CREATION OF A STATE DEBT – ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY – ARUNDEL VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT COMMUNITY CENTER**

Authorizing the creation of a State Debt not to exceed \$400,000, the proceeds to be used as a grant to the Board of Directors of the Arundel Volunteer Fire Department, Inc. for the acquisition, planning, design, construction, repair, renovation, reconstruction, and capital equipping of the Arundel Volunteer Fire Department Community Center, located in Anne Arundel County; providing for disbursement of the loan proceeds, subject to a requirement that the grantee provide and expend a matching fund; etc.

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 181 Senator Manno, et al**MARYLAND STRONG MANUFACTURING DEVELOPMENT ACT**

Establishing the Manufacturing Development Zone Program to encourage business entities engaged in manufacturing outside the State to invest in manufacturing facilities within the State; authorizing specified political subdivisions to apply to have specified areas of the State designated as a manufacturing development zone; providing the designation of an area as a manufacturing development zone is effective for 10 years; requiring a county or municipal corporation to grant a specified property tax credit; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JUNE 1, 2016

EC, § 5-102(10) & (11) - amended and EC, §§ 5-102(11) & 5-1501 thru 5-1507, TP, §§ 9-103.2 & 9-110, and TG, §§ 10-207(cc) & 10-737 - added

Assigned to: Budget and Taxation

SB 182 Senator Mathias, et al**PUBLIC SAFETY – RENTAL DWELLING UNITS – CARBON MONOXIDE ALARMS**

Altering specified requirements relating to carbon monoxide alarms as the requirements apply to rental dwelling units; requiring specified rental dwelling units, on or after April 1, 2018, to have a specified carbon monoxide alarm installed in a specified manner, subject to a specified exception; etc.

EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 1, 2016

PS, §§ 12-1101, 12-1102, and 12-1104 - amended

Assigned to: Education, Health, and Environmental Affairs

SB 183 Senator Brochin, et al**SCHOOL VEHICLES – SEAT BELTS – REQUIREMENTS**

Prohibiting specified persons from allowing pupils to stand in a school vehicle while the school vehicle is in motion; requiring school vehicles in the State to be equipped with seat belts; prohibiting a person from operating a specified school vehicle unless the person and each occupant under 16 years old are restrained by a seat belt; providing for a delayed effective date; etc.

Preliminary analysis: local government mandate

EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2022

TR, §§ 16-113(d-1), 21-1118, 22-412, 22-412.1, and 22-412.3 - amended

Assigned to: Judicial Proceedings